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THE TWENTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

URBAN DISTRICT OF CROMER,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR,

AND OF

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

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CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

RUTHVEN,

CROMER.

10/2/08.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Condition of the Urban District of Cromer, I am pleased to be able to show a much more satisfactory state of matters than has been the case for some years past.

Calculating the population as has been done previously by multiplying the number of the inhabited houses by 4·4, it has increased from 3,973 in 1906 to 4,140. At the same time, I note that the rateable value of the Town has decreased from £42,047 to £40,943 10s. 0d., a difference of £1,103 10s. 0d.

During the year there were 77 births registered (46 male, 31 female), giving the lowest birth-rate recorded in the last decade, viz., 18·5 per 1,000, the average rate for the previous ten years being 22·7. The birth-rate for all England for 1906 was 27·1 per 1,000, so that in this respect Cromer is a long way below the average. As 8 of the 77 infants born, died before they were a year old, and as the number of deaths of residents was 44, this only gives the very small natural increase to the population of 25.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 52; but as 8 were of non-residents, the corrected number was 44 (21 male,

23 female), equal to a death-rate of 10·6 per 1,000, and though slightly above the average for the last ten years, compares most favourably with 1906 rate for the whole of England, which I find was 15·4 per 1,000. There were 4 deaths from Zymotic diseases, viz., Diphtheria 2, Measles 1, Whooping Cough 1.

As regards the notifications under the Infectious Diseases Act, they have fallen to 24, and though considerably above the normal, show a very marked drop from 80 in 1906 and 47 in 1905. Of these notifications 13 were of Scarlet Fever, 6 of Erysipelas, and 2 of Typhoid. The Typhoid-affected two brothers, the first going down with it on September 25th, the second on December 5th. They lodged in the same house, were gardeners by trade, and were employed in the same garden. None of the other several occupants of the house were attacked. The drainage was in perfect condition. The milk and water supply, I am sure, can be excluded as a cause, for, had they been at fault, we would have been bound to have other cases. Neither of the patients, as far as could be ascertained, had partaken of shell fish or any other suspicious article of diet. The first case was removed to the Cottage Hospital, where he was frequently visited by his brother, who in turn was attacked. As these were the only two cases, it would seem probable that they were both infected from the same source, or—an explanation I think very improbable—the second derived the infection from the first.

There was a slight outbreak of Measles in the early spring.

THE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

During the year considerable changes have been made in the management of this Hospital. On July 22nd Mr. and Mrs. Mount, the caretakers, were replaced by Miss Sibley, who, as Nurse-Matron, is now responsible for the nursing and general administration of the Hospital. She has under her a permanent ward-maid, and a man who comes in daily.

All the outside paint-work, which was getting into very bad condition, has been re-done, and the inside of the administrative block thoroughly put in order, many of the inside walls being in a very bad state, owing to damp. The hot-water supply to the wards, which was very inadequate, has been greatly augmented, two hot-water cylinders of fifty gallons each having been put in. One of the bedrooms in this block has been converted into a linen store-room, a much-needed improvement. As a preventative against damp, all the outside walls were treated with Szerelmey. Lockers for the use of patients have been provided for the wards.

There were 14 cases of Scarlet Fever treated at this Hospital during the year, the average duration of stay being 7 weeks.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	...	1,007 acres.
Population	...	...	4,140
Inhabited houses	...	...	941
Rateable value	...	...	£40,943 10s. 0d.

BIRTHS.

Males.	Females.	Total.
46	31	77
(Three of which were illegitimate.)		
Birth-rate, 18·5 per 1,000 population.		

DEATHS.

Registered deaths	52.	Corrected	44.
Males.	Females.	Total.	
21	23	44	
Corrected death-rate, 10·6 per 1,000 population.			

DEATHS AT DIFFERENT AGES.

Under 1 year...	...	...	8
Over 1 „ and under 5 years...			4
„ 5 years „	15 „	...	4
„ 15 „ „	25 „	...	1
„ 25 „ „	65 „	...	17
65 and upwards	...	...	18
			—
	Total	...	52
			—

INFANT MORTALITY.

Eight deaths in infants under 1 year.

= 103·8 per 1,000 births registered.

= 1·9 „ of population.

PHTHISIS.

There were 4 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

= 0·9 per 1,000 population.

= 90·9 per 1,000 deaths.

CANCER.

There were 4 deaths from Cancer.

= 0·9 per 1,000 population.

= 90·9 per thousand deaths.

ZYMOTIC DISEASE.

There were 4 deaths.

Diphtheria 2 = 0·4 per 1,000 of population.

Measles 1 = 0·2 „ „

Whooping Cough 1 = 0·2 „ „

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Measles	...	...	...	...	1
Injuries	...	...	...	...	4
Senile Decay	...	...	...	...	5
Cancer	...	...	...	...	4
Phthisis	...	...	...	...	4
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	6
Cerebral Apoplexy	...	...	...	...	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	3
Tubercular Meningitis	...	...	...	...	2
Infantile Convulsions	...	...	...	...	3
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	2
Other Diseases	...	...	...	...	13
					—
					52
					—

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT.

Under this Act I paid over sixty visits, and found its provisions were being well carried out. It was only necessary to serve notices in six cases.

DAIRIES.

Two cases had to be dealt with under the Council's Regulations—both were cowsheds—one with no proper drainage or water supply, the other for defective drainage and want of cleanliness.

YARDS.

All the yards have now been made up and are in good condition. During the year I have made several inspections, and am satisfied that the town is in good sanitary condition. In parts of the town I find some of the smaller householders go in for keeping poultry at the back of their premises, and as long as they do not encroach on the air space, it is difficult to deal with them. I think it would be well for the Council to make a bye-law dealing

with the matter, as the soil being constantly fouled is apt to become offensive, especially in hot weather, and so be a danger to health.

I am glad to see Fountain House, which for so long has been an eyesore, being rapidly converted into Council Chambers with offices for the various officials. It will save a great deal of time and facilitate the working of the Health Department.

In conclusion, I must again tender my thanks to Dr. Colvin-Smith for acting as my deputy during my holiday, and to Mr. Croome, the Surveyor, for the assistance he has given me in the carrying out of my duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

R. EDDOWES LEGAT, M.B.

Medical Officer of Health.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1907 and previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institu- tions in the District.	Deaths of Non- residents registered in Public Institu- tions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institu- tions beyond the District.	Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 Year of age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*					
1897	3,348	80	23.9	5	62.5	47	14.0	—	5	—	42	11.6
1898	3,473	79	22.7	9	113.9	47	13.5	—	6	—	41	11.8
1899	3,577	76	21.2	15	197.3	48	13.4	—	5	—	43	12.0
1900	4,010	92	26.0	2	21.7	41	10.2	—	7	—	34	8.5
1901	3,753	86	22.9	11	127.9	44	11.7	—	1	—	43	11.4
1902	3,942	92	23.5	6	65.2	37	9.4	—	4	—	33	8.4
1903	3,976	74	18.6	12	162.1	45	11.3	—	5	—	40	10.0
1904	3,986	84	21.0	8	95.2	36	9.0	—	6	—	30	7.5
1905	4,030	94	23.3	6	63.8	35	8.7	—	1	—	34	8.9
1906	3,973	96	24.1	9	93.7	39	9.2	—	2	—	37	9.2
Averages for years 1897-1906.	3,806	85.3	22.7	8	100.3	42	11.0	—	4	—	37	9.9
1907.	4,140	77	18.5	8	103.8	52	12.5	—	8	—	44	10.6

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13, calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Total Population at all ages, 3,781.
 Number of Inhabited Houses, 839.
 Average Number of Persons per House, 4.4.
 Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water), 1,007.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED.

Notifiable Disease.	At all Ages.	Age under 1.	Age 1 to 5.	Age 5 to 15.	Age 15 to 25.	Age 25 to 65.	65 and upwards.
Diphtheria ...	7	—	2	5	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Scarlet Fever	13	—	3	6	4	—	—
Enteric Fever	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
Totals ...	23	—	5	11	5	2	—

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH.

Causes of Death.	All Ages.	Age under 1 year.	Age 1 and under 5.	Age 5 and under 15.	Age 15 and under 25.	Age 25 and under 65.	Age 65 and upwards.
Measles ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup) ...	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	4	—	—	—	—	4	—
Other tubercular diseases	2	—	1	—	—	1	—
Cancer, malignant disease	4	—	—	—	—	1	3
Bronchitis ...	3	—	1	—	—	—	2
Premature birth ...	4	4	—	—	—	—	—
Heart diseases ...	6	1	—	—	—	4	1
Accidents ...	4	—	—	—	3	1	—
Infantile Convulsions ...	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
Senile decay ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
All other causes ...	13	2	—	1	—	4	6
All causes ...	52	10	5	2	3	15	17

CROMER WEATHER REPORT.



FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.



The weather of this year has been somewhat extraordinary in that two of the main features show a large decrease compared with the preceding year. The sunshine record was 111 hours deficient. While such a difference is considerable, it is gratifying to know that the variation at Cromer was moderate by comparison: the average difference at seven prominent seaside resorts on the south coast was 195 hours. Mean temperature was lower by one degree, largely due to the unusual deficiency of five degrees in July and four degrees in August. The difference in rainfall was a decrease of one-tenth of an inch. The Meteorological Office has selected the Cromer Weather Reports for inclusion in the Reports of the Registrar General for England and Wales, and to constitute a representative record for North-East Norfolk in the Official Weather Reports.

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

The mean pressure was again slightly lower at 29.943. The highest and lowest monthly means were those of January and October. The extraordinary high pressure of 30.961 on January 23rd, was the highest in the year, and made the range for that month nearly two inches. The range of mean pressure was similar to that of 1906, but the highest and lowest readings gave a range of two and a half inches, exceeding that of 1906 by over half an inch.

SHADE TEMPERATURE.

August and February again gave the highest and lowest Dry Bulb means, but were lower than in 1906 by four degrees and about half a degree respectively. The highest mean maximum—67·1 degrees was again recorded in August, but the lowest mean minimum was 32·5 in February. The extreme maximum reading was 79·3 on May 11th, the nearest approach to that being 78·6 on September 25th.

TABLE OF MEAN TEMPERATURES. DEGREES.

			Dry Bulb.		Maximum.		Minimum.		Mean of Maximum and Minimum.
1907	August	...	58·3	...	67·1	...	51·8	...	59·5
1906	August	...	62·3	...	71·8	...	55·2	...	63·5
1905	July	...	62·9	...	70·9	...	56·9	...	63·9
1904	July	...	61·6	...	70·9	...	55·1	...	63·0

SUNSHINE.

The March record was unusually high, and materially contributed to another bright warm spring. March, April, and May gave 594 hours sunshine, or more than one-third of the year's total. July gave an increase of seventy-two hours, but the August record was exceptionally low. The deficiency in September and October was less than one hour per day.

RAINFALL.

The heaviest fall was recorded in October, and was slightly more than that of November, 1906. The number of rain-days increased from 200 to 213. The heaviest fall in one day was 0·89 inch on May 31st, and compares favourably with the fall of 1·05 inches on May 13th, 1906.

W. H. ARCHER,

Observer.

Cromer Weather Report for 1907.

1907.	Barometer. Mean.	Dry Bulb. Mean.	Wet Bulb. Mean.	RAINFALL.				SHADE TEMPERATURE.			Sunshine. Hours.
				Maximum Day's Rain.	Date of Maximum.	Total Rain.	Rainy Days.	Maximum. Deg.	Minimum. Deg.	Mean. Deg.	
January ...	Inches. 30.266	Deg. 36.8	Deg. 36.2	Inches. 0.21	1 & 2	Inches. 1.01	No. 13	Deg. 42.4	Deg. 33.3	Deg. 37.9	Total. 84.7
February ...	29.967	36.3	35.5	0.43	12	1.30	22	41.9	32.5	37.2	73.3
March ...	30.125	42.5	40.6	0.39	19	1.29	10	52.0	36.7	44.4	225.5
April ...	29.773	44.4	43.0	0.40	9	2.68	21	51.3	39.4	45.4	156.2
May ...	29.869	50.8	48.5	0.89	31	2.69	19	58.6	44.3	51.5	212.4
June ...	29.822	54.2	52.0	0.23	11	1.80	20	62.3	49.0	55.7	162.2
July ...	30.023	54.9	52.7	0.37	4	0.99	14	62.7	49.9	56.3	182.0
August ...	29.949	58.3	55.5	0.38	2	1.49	17	67.1	51.8	59.5	176.1
September ...	30.133	56.3	54.0	0.49	7	1.05	11	65.1	50.4	57.8	200.2
October ...	29.665	50.4	49.9	0.88	9	3.53	22	58.1	45.5	51.8	106.5
November ...	29.969	45.1	44.3	0.48	26	1.92	22	49.6	41.0	45.3	41.5
December ...	29.758	40.3	39.4	0.53	13	2.22	22	45.2	36.3	40.8	46.2
Totals ...	—	—	—	—	—	21.97	213	—	—	—	1666.8
Means ...	29.943	47.5	45.9	—	—	1.83	17	54.7	42.5	48.6	138.9
Year 1906—Totals ...	—	—	—	—	—	22.07	200	—	—	—	1778.2
Means ...	29.945	48.4	46.3	—	—	1.92	16	55.7	43.4	49.6	148.1

W. H. ARCHER, Observer.

Report of the Surveyor for the Six Months (June 24th to December 31st, 1907).

To the Chairman and Members of the Cromer Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

Owing to the condition of the Steam Roller, beyond re-laying 630 sup. yards of Tar Slag on the Norwich Road, near Cliff Avenue, no work has been done on the roads and streets, except the regular skirting, sweeping and patching.

A report of road repairs required to the end of April has been prepared, the estimated quantity of material needed being 270 tons of Granite; 240 tons of Flints; 84 tons of Slag and 87 tons of Marl.

Tenders have been obtained from six firms for the supply of the broken Granite, and that of the Enderby and Stoney Stanton Granite Co., for Leicestershire Granite was accepted.

A further portion of the necessary work on Station Road, previous to that road being "mained" by the County Council, has been put in hand.

The following are the particulars of the Roads and Paths within the Urban District:—

MAINTAINED BY COUNCIL.

Lineal	Granite. Yards.	Tar Macadam. Yards.	Flints. Yards.	Granite Setts. Yards.	Unmade. Yards.	Total. Yards.
Main Roads	5705	1403	440			7548
Other „	220	1685	2983	60	417	5365
Back „		355	272			627
	5925	3443	3695	60	417	13540

UNADOPTED ROADS.

	Lineal	Flints. Yards.	Foundation only. Yards.	Unmade. Yards.	Total. Yards.
Roads	...	687	1028	147	1862
" (but Scavengered } by Council) }		720	890		1610
Back Roads	...		197	1510	1707
		1407	2115	1657	5179

FOOTPATHS. MAINTAINED BY COUNCIL.

680 Yards of Gravel; 1,528 Yards of Tar Paving; 1,058 Yards of Shingle. Total 3,266 Lineal Yards.

NEW ROADS.

The Council have decided to take over two short roads in the Suffield Park Ward, viz., Clare and Crawford Roads; and the Owner has the work in hand of making these roads up to the required standard.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT.

Cross Street Back Passage has been made up by direct labour, at a cost of £21 3s. 10d. (Estimate, £27 18s. 9d.)

The work of making up St. Mary's Road Back is now in hand.

TAR PAINTING.

The Tar-painted portions of Norwich Road and Holt Road have been maintained; this process has proved beneficial as a dust layer, in economising watering, and also as a road preservative, all these points being clearly demonstrated during the heavy Season traffic on the Norwich Road.

The wet weather and frost has had little effect on the Tar on the Holt Road, but the heavier traffic on the Norwich Road has damaged that portion considerably; however, up to the present it has not been necessary to scrape the road.

BREAKING UP STREETS.

Permissions have been issued, viz., 14 to the Gas Company; 4 to the Electricity Supply; 3 to the Water Department, and 4 to Builders and others.

STREET SCAVENGING.

A reduction of £20 in the expenditure under this heading during the six months, compared to the corresponding period of 1906, has been secured.

STREET WATERING.

Due mainly to the more regular rainfall last summer, the cost of Horse Hire for Street Watering shows a reduction of £20 6s. 9d.

STEAM ROLLER.

The wheels of the Steam Roller having become very much worn, it was decided to have them steel-plated by the Oxford Plough Co., at a cost of £58 12s. 0d., instead of purchasing new, costing £98.

The Roller at the same time was thoroughly overhauled and re-painted.

NORTH LODGE CLIFF.

The breastwork to the Cliff in front of North Lodge has been repaired at a cost of £28 10s. 0d.

SEWERAGE.

No additional Sewers have been laid, and the whole system, which has been regularly inspected, and also flushed in the summer, has worked satisfactorily.

Seven Ventilation Shafts have been erected.

During the Season, the Street Gullies have received as usual, special attention, and were flushed as required.

The Septic Tanks—which have not been cleaned out for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years—badly need attention, and the work is now in hand.

STREET LIGHTING.

One additional Gas Lamp has been fixed, making the total number of Gas Lamps 184; and Electric Arc Lamps 10.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.

Inspector Watson, who has for the sixth year, most efficiently carried out the duties of Hackney Carriage and Foreshore Inspector, reports that the number of Carriage and Drivers' Licenses granted were 50 and 52 respectively, compared to 61 and 66 in 1906.

Two Inspections were held.

The Runton Road Cabstand has been extended to Cabbell Road, in cement concrete, at a cost of £12 15s. 6d.

FORESHORE.

The Receipts from the Foreshore were £85 7s. 3d., an increase of £20 7s. 0d. over 1906, and exceeds that of 1904, the highest year previous, by £13 9s. 3d.

The number of Tents show an increase by the improved revenue of £12 from this source; the number of Bathing Machines were 92, a decrease of 1; the Chair Rents also showed a slight decrease.

The usual number of patrol Boatmen were employed at the Bathing Grounds, but at a less expenditure of £21.

STOREYARD.

Twenty-five tons of Tar Macadam have been manufactured, and 50 tons of Slag are in stock.

Two hundred and thirty-six yards of 12 in. by 6 in. Concrete Channel have been made at a cost of 1s. 1¼d. per yard, and with the approval of the County Surveyor, will be used on the Station Road.

PUBLIC OFFICES.

In September, Plans and Specifications were prepared and

approved by the Council for converting Fountain House and Lodge into Public Offices, at an estimated cost of £500; the consent for the necessary Loan having been obtained from the Local Government Board, tenders were invited for the structural alterations, and that of Mr. W. Porter, the lowest, viz., £288, was accepted, and the work commenced on November 18th.

Specifications have been prepared for the required Electric Light Service and Fittings, and the tender of Mr. Randall for £26 13s. 0d. was accepted.

The two unoccupied Cottages in Chapel Street have also been put into repair, and are now let as a Storehouse.

HOUSE SCAVENGING.

The question of a more economical and efficient method for the disposal of House Refuse is receiving the consideration of the Sanitary Committee, and a special Report on the subject was prepared and submitted in October.

A permanent Destructor—for a portable one would be unsuitable to deal with the refuse of Cromer—while, undoubtedly, the more satisfactory method of Disposal from a Sanitary standpoint, would mean an increased annual expenditure, as unfortunately, the only possible economical site, viz., the Storeyard, is apparently impracticable for the purpose for several reasons.

During the twelve months ending June 24th, 1907, 1,178 loads were collected; and the cost of the Disposal of this Refuse, as distinct from its Collection, which would not have been materially affected by the method of Disposal, was £250.

For the past six months 615 loads have been collected and disposed of at a cost of £259 19s. 8d.; compared to £278 os. 3d. at the corresponding period of 1906.

With the exception that the Winter rounds of twice a week were started three weeks earlier than usual, the system of Collection has been as in previous years.

BUILDING BYE-LAWS.

Five Plans only have been submitted to the Sanitary Committee,

and 4 were approved; these represent small additions to existing buildings.

Five cases of the infringement of the Bye-Laws have been reported upon, and dealt with by the Committee.

In conclusion, the reduction in the expenditure under the headings named during the past six months, has been as follows :—

			£	s.	d.
Wages (Manual Labour)	...	...	125	9	5
House Scavenging (Horse Hire)	...	...	14	1	11
Street Watering (Horse Hire)	...	...	20	6	9
Bathing Protection Boatmen	...	...	20	19	4

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT CROOME.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Six Months ending December 31st, 1907.



To the Chairman and Members of the Sanitary Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Report of the work done in the Sanitary Department during the six months I have held the appointment as your Sanitary Inspector.

Eleven cases of infectious diseases have been notified, details of which will be found in the report of the Medical Officer of Health; in each instance the required inspections, disinfection, and work was carried out under his instructions.

The buildings of the Isolation Hospital have been renovated and repaired, all the work with the exception of the interior of the Administrative Block by direct labour.

An improved system of hot and cold water supply has been provided to the Wards, and on the appointment of the resident Matron in July, details of necessary fittings and furniture for the improved working of the Hospital were prepared and approved. The cost being £35 9s. 3d. (Estimated cost, £35 7s. 0d.)

Owing to the dampness of the walls to the Administrative Block, they were treated with "Szerelmey," which has proved satisfactory during the recent wet weather.

The whole of the grounds are being put into order, and an additional portion is about to be prepared for cultivation. Thanks to the kindness of F. H. Barclay, Esq., for his gift of trees and

shrubs, a much needed protection from wind to the kitchen garden, &c., will be provided.

Formalin will in future be used for the disinfection of the Wards, &c., and the required lamps have been obtained. This will effect a considerable saving in the cost on the previous system.

Two yards have been paved during the six months, and paid for by the owners concerned.

Particulars of the work under the Public Health Acts; The Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order, 1885; and the Factory and Workshops Acts, will be found in the appended tables.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT CROOME.

STATEMENT A.

Showing the work done by the Sanitary Inspector during the half-year, June 24th to December 31st, 1907.

	Number of Visits.
House to House Inspections	612
Special Inspections and Investigations of Complaints ...	79
Re-Inspections, &c., to ascertain progress of Sanitary and Informal Orders	289
Inspections of Nuisances, &c., discovered	143
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases	71
Inspections under the Factory and Workshops Acts ...	30
Re-Inspections under the Factory and Workshops Acts ...	36
Visits in connection with Dairies and Cowsheds	24
Visits to the Isolation Hospital	21
Visits to Caravans	1
Total	1,306

STATEMENT A—*Continued.*

Premises Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	11
Rooms Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	20
Insanitary Houses reported to M.O.H.	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premises to which Smoke Test was applied	...	...	...	...	...	7
Committee Meetings attended	...	...	...	...	...	11
Letters (including Complaints) received	...	...	...	...	...	54
Letters (including School Notices) sent out	...	...	...	...	...	80
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	9
Legal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	0
Defects found by House to House Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	81
Defects found by other Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	62
Complaints received at Office*	...	...	...	...	...	79
Total number of matters dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	222

STATEMENT B.

Giving details of the 222 matters dealt with,

Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	1
Flushing Apparatus to W.C.'s defective	...	...	...	...	...	14
Sink and Bath Wastes defective	...	...	...	...	...	25
Collection and Storage of House Refuse	...	...	...	...	...	51
Sanitary Conveniences in bad condition	...	...	...	...	...	22
Rain Water, Guttering, &c., defective	...	...	...	...	...	2
Habitable Room with insufficient Window	...	...	...	...	...	1
Removal of Swill	...	...	...	...	...	1
Removal of Manure, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	8
Smoke Nuisance	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary Conveniences insufficiently ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	8
Drains Choked	...	...	...	...	...	6
Drains Defective	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sewers Choked	...	...	...	...	...	1
Street Gullies...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective Air Inlets to Drains	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective Ventilation Shafts to Drains	...	...	...	...	...	2

* Of these 30 were found on investigation to be unfounded.

STATEMENT B.—*Continued.*

Pig Keeping ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Fish ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Insanitary Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Caravans ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stables ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sanitary Condition of Yards ...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ashpits ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary Condition of Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Non-notifiable Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Lime-washing of Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sewer Gas ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wells ...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Sundry complaints investigated ...	...	...	...	...	...	4

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STATEMENT C.

In connection with the Infectious Diseases Inspection, the following defects were found in the premises referred to in the certificates.

W.C. no Water Supply ...	...	...	...	...	1
Escape of Sewer Gas from defective pipes outside the House					3
Escape of Sewer Gas from defective pipes into the House ...					1
Gully to Sink Waste defective ...	...	...	...	...	1
					6

STATEMENT D.

Showing the Localities of Sewer Gas Escapes.

Into Internal W C.'s ...	...	...	...	...	1
From Joints to Ventilation Shafts ...	...	...	...	...	2
From Sink Waste Gully ...	...	...	...	...	1
From Manhole to Main Sewer ...	...	...	...	...	1
					5

STATEMENT E.

Showing the work under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and
Milkshops Order, 1885.

Dairies on Register	...	...	...	...	6
Cowsheds on Register	...	...	...	...	3
Paving to Yard defective	...	...	...	...	1
Paving to Cowsheds defective	..	...	...	...	2
Drainage to Cowsheds defective		...	...	...	2
Number of Inspections and Visits		...	...	...	24

STATEMENT F.

Showing the Work under the Factory and Workshops Acts.

Factories on Register	...	...	...	...	8
Workshops on Register	...	...	...	...	40
Workplaces on Register	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	30
Number of Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	36

DEFECTS DISCOVERED.

Accumulation of Manure	...	...	...	...	3
Bad condition of Sanitary Conveniences			...	...	3
Insufficient Ventilation of ditto	...	...	...	...	2
W.C. no Water Supply...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouses requiring Lime-washing		...	...	...	1
Number of Notices served	...	...	...	...	6
Number of Notices received from H.M. Inspector	...			...	0

In 3 Cases no Abstract of the Act was exhibited as required.

Report for the Six Months, January 1st to June 23rd,
1907.

' During the first six months of the year, 38 Nuisances were dealt with and 92 letters and notices sent out, and 213 recorded inspections made; 5 final notices were also served, all having reference to the sanitary condition of yards.

Thirteen cases of Infectious Diseases received immediate attention.

An offensive Trade opened in the district, in an unsuitable building without permission, received attention, and the premises closed.

The inspection of the Cowsheds and Dairies in the District with reference to the New Regulations which came into force on January 21st, was made, and a report prepared.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Report of Chief Officer for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

To the Chairman and Members of the Fire Brigade Committee

GENTLEMEN,

I have to report that during the past year three calls were received by the Brigade. The first, to an outbreak at Sheringham, where a shop occupied by Mr. Barnes and some adjoining cottages had become ignited. The call was given by telephone, and the Brigade went, on a responsible resident undertaking to be responsible for the expenses. The premises were practically gutted before the Brigade arrived, but the spread of the fire to the surrounding premises was prevented. The second, to the Thurgarton Dairy; the hose-reel was sent, but the fire was extinguished without the assistance of the Brigade. The third call was to the Hotel de Paris, an escape of gas having caused an explosion and fire. The appliances at the Hotel were used and the outbreak put out.

The Insurance Companies concerned paid £14 in settlement of the claim of £14 7s. 11d. in respect of the call to Sheringham, and the expenses in connection with the fire at the Hotel de Paris, amounting to 17s. 6d., have not yet been paid.

There has been very slight alteration in the appliances possessed by the Brigade, the only material addition being a 50-ft. length of canvas hose.

No decision as to the escape has been arrived at.

During the year the Thurgarton Parish Council have entered into the usual agreement with the Council as to the services of the Brigade. The total annual contributions from the surrounding parishes now amount to £27.

There has been some changes in the Brigade by reason of members leaving the town and otherwise, and owing to slackness of work others have been working out of the district at intervals, but I trust this may not again be necessary to any great extent.

The Brigade having now been affiliated to the National Fire Brigade Union for upwards of two years, I shall be able at the end of the year to apply for those members who have served upwards of ten and twenty years in the Brigade.

The conduct of the Brigade has been satisfactory, and I have pleasure in again acknowledging the assistance at all times rendered by the Lieutenants and the Fire Alarm Superintendent.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. K. FROST,

Captain.

